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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL CHURCHES PROTEST LETTER TO
PRESIDENT MEDICI

1. ON SEPTEMBER 5 DEPARTMENT WAS CONTACTED BY REVEREND WIPFLER, LATIN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. HE SAID HE HAD LETTERS ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT MEDICI AND SIGNED BY 8,000 PEOPLE WHICH CALLED FOR HUMANE TREATMENT OF BRAZILIAN PRISONERS, RELEASE OF MANUEL DA CONCECAO ANDRADE AND 50 OTHER PRISONERS, AND CESSATION OF "ATROCITIES COMMITTED DURING PAST NINE YEARS." WIPFLER STATED BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK HAD BOTH REFUSED RECEIVE LETTERS. HE ASKED WHETHER DEPARTMENT WOULD DELIVER THEM TO GOB.

2. WE REPLIED THAT THE USG DID NOT PASS ON MAIL FROM
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PRIVATE CITIZENS TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AS A GENERAL RULE,

AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY SEND THE LETTERS BY REGISTERED MAIL.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 11 COUNCIL OF CHURCHES HELD PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, RELEASING LETTERS AND NOTING "LACK OF INTEREST" EXPRESSED BY DEPARTMENT. IN REPLY TO ONE PRESS INQUIRY, DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT I HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY COUNCIL ON THIS MATTER; EXPLAINED THAT IT DID NOT MAKE A PRACTICE OF PASSING ON MAIL FROM INDIVIDUALS TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, AND NOTED THAT IT HAD SUGGESTED USE OF REGISTERED MAIL.

4. YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE AS APPROPRIATE.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY ON MANUEL DA CONCECAO ANDRADE.

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